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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL BLUNDER?

1. CONGEN FINDS IT DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN MISSPELLING IN THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S DECLARATION ON PAGE ONE OF THE NEW BICENTENNIAL PASSPORTS. IT IS PARTICULARLY PAINFUL TO FIND IT IN THE SECRETARY'S OFFICIAL REQUEST TO ALL GOVERNMENTS, SINCE SUCH A STATEMENT SHOULD PRESUMABLY REFLECT HIS OWN PERSONAL DEDICATION TO ACCURACY AND ERUDITION IN THE CONDUCT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS.

2. SINCE WE HAVE RECEIVED A NINE MONTH SUPPLY OF THE PASSPORTS AND SINCE THERE WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE A DELAY IN OBTAINING A NEW SUPPLY OF ANY ERRORLESS EDITION, WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS WHETHER TO ATTEMPT TO IGNORE THE BOO-BOO OR TO CORRECT IT IN SOME WAY.

3. OUR ONLY LOCAL SUGGESTIONS WOULD BE:

A) TO INDICATE TO LITERATE AMERICANS WHO CATCH THE BLUNDER THAT THE DEPARTMENT IS DEMONSTRATING ITS HUMANITY SINCE "IT IS HUMAN TO ERR", B) TO POINT WITH PRIDE TO OUR MODERNITY IN ADOPTING "NOOSPEL" AND LEVELING STANDARDS, C) TO DIVERT ATTENTION TO OUR FLAWLESS FRENCH AS BELATED RECOGNITION OF FRENCH FLEET RESPONSIBILITY FOR BRITISH SURRENDER AT YORKTOWN, AND/OR D) TO REFER THE LAST KNOWN PROTAGONIST OF THE EXTRA "E", DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON, WHOSE RENOWNED DICTIONARY WAS OUR BEST SPELLING GUIDE DURING THE BIRTH OF OUR NATION TO WHICH THE BICENTENNIAL PASSPORT

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4. IS ANYBODY MINDING THE SHOP BACK THERE?

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